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I FOUND HER BOAT—BUT *WHERE'S LOIS?*

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CURSE OF THE FLAME!

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ROSE AND THE THORN IN THE SEA DEVIL!

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LOIS LANE
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WOW! THE PARTHENON!
HERE I AM-- RIGHT WHERE THE GREEK PEOPLE PARADED IN THEIR TOGAS 2500 YEARS AGO!
THUD!
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TOMORROW EVERYONE WILL KNOW ABOUT THE ROCK!
YEAH! BUT HOW'LL WE SMUGGLE IT PAST THE POLICE?
I KNOW ONE ROUTE THEY'LL NEVER CHECK!
EVIL LURKS WITHIN THE PARTHENON* TONIGHT, AS CRIMINAL MINDS PLOT A DIABOLICAL SCHEME COVERING 15 COUNTRIES--HUNDREDS OF MILES--THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS! CAN LOIS LANE POSSIBLY RESIST THE...
CURSE OF THE FLAME
DID YOU FIND OUT WHO THE INTRUDER WAS?
SOME DUMB DAME, SIGHTSEEING! SHE'LL HAVE SOME HEADACHE WHEN SHE WAKES UP!
GOOD! NOW LET'S GO OVER OUR PLAN...
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
A BRILLIANT SCHEME! WHO'D EVER SUSPECT--?
...EXACTLY WHY WE'LL SUCCEED! ONCE WE GET THE ROCK INTO PARIS, THE DIAMOND CUTTER WILL SPLIT IT...
...AND WE CAN SPLIT THE PROFITS!
*A TEMPLE BUILT TO HONOR THE GODDESS ATHENA--AND ONE OF THE FINEST REMAINING STRUCTURES OF ANCIENT GREECE.

NEXT DAY, AS A SHAKEN LOIS RESUMES HER DUTIES...
IT'S MORNING OUTSIDE ATHENS... AT THE STARTING POINT OF THE TRANS-EUROPA OLYMPICS...
...A VAST SPECTACLE FEATURING TWO CHAMPION TEAMS THAT RACE EACH OTHER ACROSS EUROPE VIA LAND, SEA AND AIR--
TRANS-EUROP
GAMES
WGBS TV
--WITH A BOOST FROM SCIENCE! EACH ATHLETE WILL MAKE TEST RUNS WITH EXPERIMENTAL SPORTS EQUIPMENT DURING THE OLYMPIC EVENTS!
LOIS LANE, SIGNING OFF FOR WGBS, AMERICA!
OKAY, CUT!
NICE JOB, LOIS! WE'LL TAPE ANOTHER SEGMENT IN A FEW MINUTES! TAKE A BREAK!
THANKS, FRED! I CAN USE IT!
OOH, BOY! WHAT A SENSATIONAL SHOT--COMING IN FOR A LANDING!
WGBS TV
WHAT ARE YOU PHOTOGRAPHING, MARTY--?
SUPERMAN!
I HEARD ABOUT LAST NIGHT!
YOU ALL RIGHT, LOIS?
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IT COULD'VE BEEN WORSE, SUPERMAN! BUT MY HEAD FEELS LIKE I GOT CLUNKED WITH AN AXE!
THE POLICE THINK YOU RAN INTO THE GANG THAT STOLE THE ROCK-ROYAL DIAMOND! POOR KID! LET ME LOOK...
SOME LUCK! THE WORLD'S BIGGEST UNCUT GEM IS STOLEN FROM THE ATHENS MUSEUM--
AND I'M STUCK HERE COVERING THE GAMES...
...MAKING LIKE A FEMALE HOWARD COSELL!
TRANS-EUROPA GAMES
WGE TV
JUST AS WELL, LOIS...
...THIS DIAMOND CAPER IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED!
DON'T START THAT STUFF, SUPERMAN...
...AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN GREECE JUST FOR THE SPORTS EVENTS!
RIGHT! AN UNDERWORLD INFORMER TOLD ME THE CROOKS PLAN TO SMUGGLE THE DIAMOND OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO CATCH UP WITH THE RATS...
AND YOU'LL GET AN EXCLUSIVE, LOIS!
MEANTIME, COVER THE OLYMPICS LIKE A GOOD GIRL! AND TRY TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE-- FOR ONCE!
GOOD-BYE, SUPER-MAN!
I'LL BE TOO BUSY TO WATCH OVER YOU!
BE A GOOD GIRL... OOOO! SOMETIMES HE IS SO CONCEITED I'D LIKE TO...
OOPS! CAREFUL, LOIS --DON'T EVEN THINK SUCH THINGS!
BETTER FORGET SUPERMAN AND GET ON WITH MY WORK!
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THAT SAME MOMENT, IN THE ATHLETES' EQUIPMENT TENT... YARDS AWAY FROM LOIS...
RIPP!
AND WHEN LOIS RESUMES THAT AFTERNOON...
...AND SO, FOLKS--IT'S THE STAR TEAM VERSUS THE SUN TEAM!
HERE COME THE CONTESTANTS FOR THE FIRST EVENT--
THE LAND RACE!
BOTH MEN WILL SPEED TOWARD THE OLYMPIC TORCH--ONE MILE AWAY!
WHOEVER GETS IT FIRST WILL RACE AHEAD, WHILE THE LOSER TRIES TO TAKE IT FROM HIM!
THEY'RE ON THEIR JET-POWERED BOARDS...
...AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!
START
THEY'RE OFF!
VROOOMM!!
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IT'S BEEN NECK-AND-NECK SO FAR!
BUT WAIT... STAR IS STARTING TO MOVE AHEAD!
TRANS-EUROPA GAMES
WITH OUR MOBILE T.V. TRUCK, WGBS IS ABLE TO TAKE YOU PEOPLE RIGHT INTO THE ACTION!
WGBS TV
SUN IS STRAINING... STAR IS WIDENING HIS LEAD!
CON-TACT!
STAR HAS THE TORCH!
CAN SUN POSSIBLY RECOVER IT?
THEN WITHOUT WARNING...
WAIT--
STAR IS IN TROUBLE... HIS JET-BOARD IS SMOKING! HE'S LOSING HIS BALANCE!
SUN SURGES AHEAD!
ZZZSH!
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RRRR-RRRRR

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RRR-RRRRRRR

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...THRU THE RING OF FIRE AND...

DID IT!!

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KNIGHT RIDER

IT'S A COMPLETE UPSET, FOLKS! SUN HAS GRABBED THE TORCH...
WE'RE NOW SEEING A FALLING "STAR"!
AS THE AMBULANCE RUSHES TO THE FALTERING ATHLETE'S AID...
ACCORDING TO OLYMPIC RULES, EACH MAN MUST MAINTAIN HIS OWN EQUIPMENT--
--SO STAR WILL FORFEIT THIS EVENT BECAUSE OF HIS FAULTY BOARD!
THAT NIGHT, AT OLYMPIC HEADQUARTERS, AS LOIS DINES WITH ONE OF THE CREW...
"...AND, MISS LANE, TODAY'S ACCIDENT WAS NOT MERELY CHANCE!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, JANOS?
THE TORCH!
IT HAS BEEN IN USE... SINCE THE ANCIENT GREEK GAMES LONG AGO! WE ISLANDERS KNOW IT IS CURSED!
BECAUSE OF IT, MANY ATHLETES HAVE MET SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH!
JANOS, IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS "CURSE" MUMBO-JUMBO!
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL, MISS LANE... BUT MORE DISASTERS WILL BEFALL US!
OF THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT!
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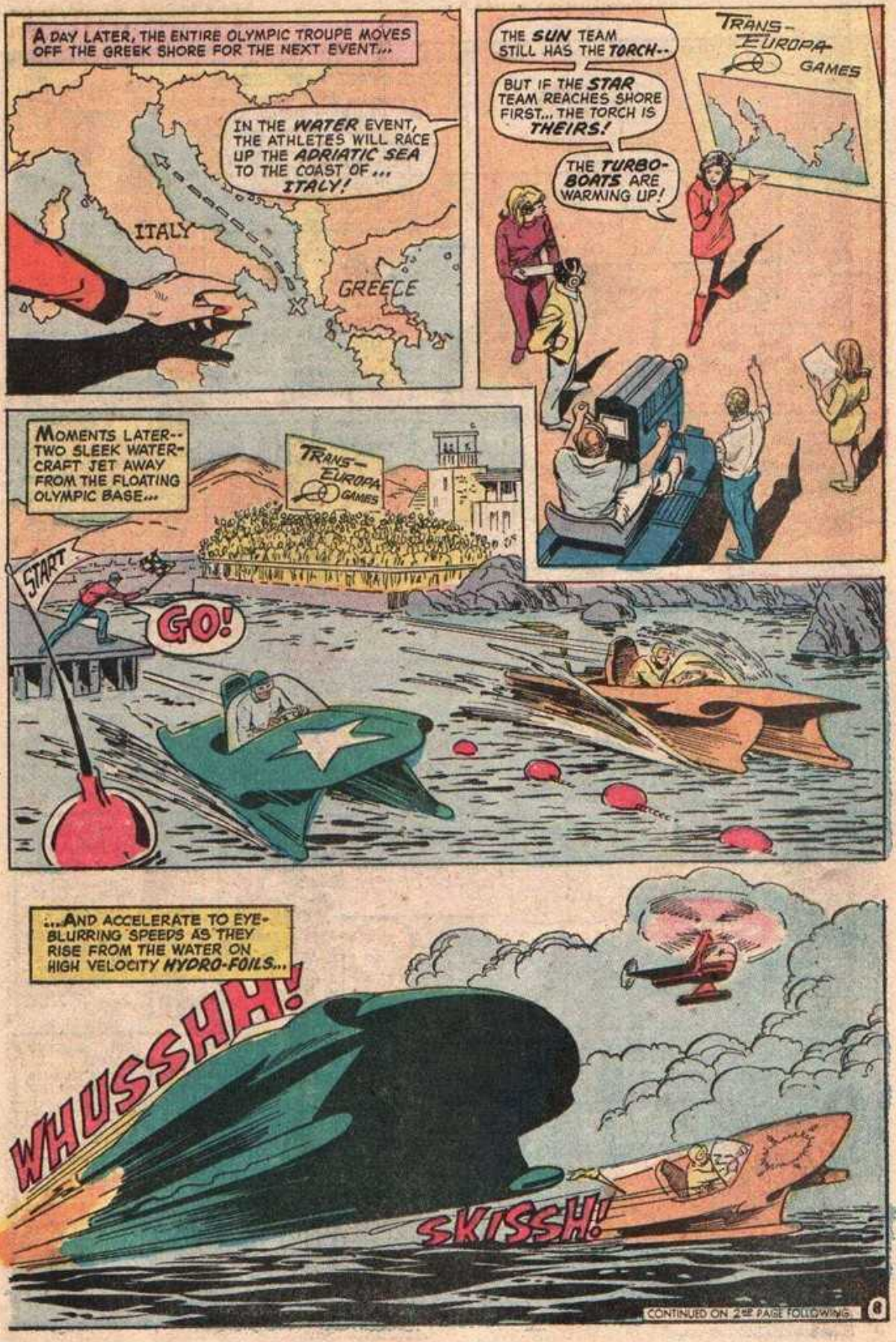
A DAY LATER, THE ENTIRE OLYMPIC TROUPE MOVES OFF THE GREEK SHORE FOR THE NEXT EVENT...
IN THE WATER EVENT, THE ATHLETES WILL RACE UP THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE COAST OF... ITALY!
ITALY
GREECE
THE SUN TEAM STILL HAS THE TORCH--
BUT IF THE STAR TEAM REACHES SHORE FIRST... THE TORCH IS THEIRS!
THE TURBO-BOATS ARE WARMING UP!
TRANS-EUROPA GAMES
MOMENTS LATER-- TWO SLEEK WATER-CRAFT JET AWAY FROM THE FLOATING OLYMPIC BASE...
TRANS-EUROPA GAMES
START
GO!
...AND ACCELERATE TO EYE-BLURRING SPEEDS AS THEY RISE FROM THE WATER ON HIGH VELOCITY HYDRO-FOILS...
WHUSSHH!
SKISSH!
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I'M EDGING AHEAD OF SUN...
IF I CAN JUST GRAB A GOOD LEAD... HE'LL NEVER CATCH UP!
BUT...
OH NO! SHARK!!
NO TIME TO SWERVE AROUND IT!
CRACK!
AND AS THE NEWS IS RELAYED TO THE OLYMPIC BASE...
...A FREAK COLLISION OVERTURNED STAR'S BOAT!
LUCKILY, THEY FISHED HIM OUT OF THE WATER IN TIME!
SUN WINS ANOTHER EVENT!
JUDGE
HMMMM... LOOKS LIKE JANOS WAS RIGHT...
...ABOUT THE BAD LUCK THAT TORCH BRINGS!
BUT THERE MUST BE MORE TO THESE ACCIDENTS THAN A CORNY "CURSE"!
AND TONIGHT I'LL PROVE IT!
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AFTER DARK, THE RELENTLESS REPORTER RENTS SCUBA EQUIPMENT AND A SMALL BOAT...
THIS IS WHERE THE STAR CAPSIZED!
THAT MARINE BIOLOGIST I CHECKED WITH SAID THE CHANCES OF FINDING A SHARK IN THESE WATERS ARE...
--"HIGHLY IMPROBABLE!"
HERE GOES!
MUST BE ANOTHER EXPLANATION FOR TODAY'S... "ACCIDENT!"
SOON, IN THE DARK, MURKY WATERS...
THERE! JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
SOME SHARK! IT'S LOADED WITH METAL, WIRES AND TRANSISTORS!
GOLLY! IT'S A DISGUISED BATTERING RAM... PROBABLY GUIDED BY REMOTE CONTROL TO CRASH STAR'S BOAT!
SOMEONE SURE MUST WANT SUN TO WIN THE OLYMPICS!
BUT, THEN, LOIS NOTICES A CERTAIN OMINOUS SYMBOL OF EVIL...
?!? OF COURSE! I SHOULD'VE GUESSED WHO THEY WERE...
"X×X"--THE ROMAN NUMERALS FOR 10 TIMES 10-- MEANS THE 100! *
*EDITOR'S NOTE! THE WORLD'S LARGEST CRIME SYNDICATE WITH 10 SPECIAL DIVISIONS THAT SPAN THE GLOBE!
HMM... COULD BE THE SUN TEAM MEMBERS ARE SECRET 100 AGENTS!
BUT WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO WIN THE OLYMPICS?
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
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IN JAPAN AT THAT MOMENT, IT IS DAYLIGHT...
S-S-SO, SUPERMAN! WE MAKE YOU WISH YOU NEVER SET FOOT HERE!
WHEW! TOGETHER THESE SUMO WRESTLERS ADD UP TO ABOUT 600 POUNDS OF TROUBLE! THAT'S A LOT OF SUKIYAKI!
SINCE YOU'RE ATTACKING ME, JAPANESE-STYLE...
KARCOOM!
--I MUST DEFEND MYSELF, SUPERMAN-STYLE!
SAYONARA!*
OYO! NO SOCKY MORE!
PRIZZ!
KARCOOM!
IT TOOK DAYS TO TRACE THE ROYAL-ROCK DIAMOND HERE-- BUT THE TRAIL FINALLY ENDS RIGHT AT THIS PAGODA!
*JAPANESE FAREWELL-- LITERALLY, "SINCE IT MUST BE SO."
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NO! I'VE BEEN HAD!
CRASH
WITH HIS X-RAY VISION TURNED ON IT IS CLEAR TO SUPERMAN THAT...
THIS DIAMOND IS A NEAR-PERFECT FAKE!
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN TRACKING DOWN A DECOY GEM-- WHILE THE REAL DIAMOND IS BEING SMUGGLED OUT BY ANOTHER ROUTE!
NOW I KNOW WHO IS PUSHING THE ICE--
--THE ICE!
GOT TO BACKTRACK... DOUBLE-CHECK ALL THE AGENTS PLANTED ALONG THIS FALSE TRAIL...
AND HOPE FOR A CLUE TO LEAD ME TO THE ROCK!
NEXT DAY, THE OLYMPIC CONTEST AREA IS THE SNOW-PEAKED ALPS-- AND THE SLED-RACE EVENT HAS JUST BEGUN...
TRANS-EUROPA
ZUZZZH!
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...
HUH--? SNOW AROUND ME IS MELTING... TURNING TO SLUSH!
I'M... LOSING... CONTROL!
HELP!
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HELP!
SKUZZZ
A GIANT MIRROR-- ANGLED TO REFLECT CONCENTRATED HEAT FROM THE SUN...
...SO THE 100 CAN MELT STAR OUT OF THE RUNNING AGAIN!
THIS OLYMPIC SCHEME IS FINALLY MAKING SENSE TO ME! I CAN CHECK OUT MY THEORY TOMORROW...
...DURING THE FINAL EVENT...
...THE AIR RACE TO PARIS!
READER-- CAN YOU PICK THE ONE CLUE THAT LOIS HAS NOTICED?
THE NEXT MORNING, ON THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE 25 MILES OUTSIDE PARIS...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR LAST EVENT-- THE ROCKET RACE!
THIS IS STAR'S LAST CHANCE TO GET THE TORCH BACK AND WIN THE OLYMPIC MEDAL!
TRANS-EUROPA GAMES
ZOOM!
START
ZOOM!
I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD FIND LOIS! SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE COVERING THIS EVENT...NOT ME!
SHE BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXCUSE!
NNNNNN
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MEANWHILE, IN THE AIR, SABOTAGED EQUIPMENT STARTS TO ACT UP...
KA-KA-PUT-KA-KA
BLAST IT! MY BOOSTER-PACK IS CONKING OUT!
HAVE TO TRY FOR AN EMERGENCY LANDING!
WHILE SUN WINS THIS RACE!
GREAT! STAR'S EQUIPMENT WAS RIGGED TO BREAK DOWN RIGHT AFTER TAKE OFF!
ZIP
NOW THE TORCH IS THE 100'S-- WITH NO ONE LEFT TO TAKE IT AWAY!
HUH?!
SKSSSSSHH!
PARDON ME!
ZOOOMM!
THAT $!!X--!? REPORTER DAME! I'LL BET SHE SWIPED THAT BOOSTER-PACK FROM OUR TENT!
OKAY! THE TORCH WILL COST HER HER LIFE!
GOLLY! THIS TORCH IS HEAVY... AND I KNOW WHY! BUT IF I DON'T LOSE SUN, I'LL NEVER LIVE TO TELL ANYONE!
PARIS, FRANCE-- HERE I COME!
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ZMMMMZ
MMMMZ
THE EIFFEL TOWER! IT MAY BE MY ONE CHANCE TO SHAKE HIM OFF MY BACK!
ULP! ONE WRONG TURN HERE AND I'LL END UP AS PART OF THE GRILL WORK!
UH-OH! SUN IS PACKING A GUN!
HE'S PLAYING THIS GAME BY THE 100'S RULES!
THESE GIRDERS ARE GIVING ME COVER--
BUT WHEN I REACH THE TOP...
BLAM
I'LL BE TRAPPED!
FRANTIC SECONDS LATER, AT THE PEAK OF THE 938-FOOT LANDMARK...
OH, NO!
...CAN'T MISS HER!
GOT HER! OH, MAN!
15

OUT OF THE SKY, A FLASH OF BLUE-AND-RED LIGHTNING...
BLAM
UHHH...
YOU JUST MISSED! TSK, TSK!
SUPERMAN, YOU ANGEL! HOW DID YOU KNOW I NEEDED YOU?
JUST MINUTES AGO I TURNED UP A 100 AGENT! HE SQUEALED ...TOLD ME THE 100 USED THE TRANS-EUROPA OLYMPICS FOR A SMUGGLING ROUTE!
OH! GLAD TO SEE YOU HAVE THE TORCH!
MOMENTS LATER, BACK ON THE GROUND...
SMART GIRL, LOIS! WHAT MADE YOU SUSPECT THE ROCK WAS INSIDE THE TORCH!
PURE LOGIC! IT'S A PERFECT WAY TO SMUGGLE! OLYMPIC ATHLETES ARE NEVER STOPPED BY CUSTOMS.. OR THE POLICE!
...SO THE 100 RIGGED THE EVENTS--SUN ALWAYS KEPT THE TORCH!
RIGHT! AND THERE'S THE 100 AGENT WHO HANDLED SABOTAGE!
JANOS..?
OF COURSE! HE WAS ALWAYS HANGING AROUND THE OLYMPIC TENTS!
RIGHT NOW, POLICE ARE PULLING IN THE "FENCE" THE 100 HIRED TO CUT THE DIAMOND!
BUT WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME, SUPERMAN?
THERE'S A LITTLE SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU!
HI, ROOMIE! MARSHA, KRISTIN AND I DECIDED TO JOIN YOU FOR A VACATION IN PARIS!
HI!
OH, YUM, I ADORE THESE FRENCH BON BONS!
FAR OUT, SISTERS! WAIT'LL I WRITE MY STORY...
...AND WE'LL BUST THIS TOWN WIDE OPEN!
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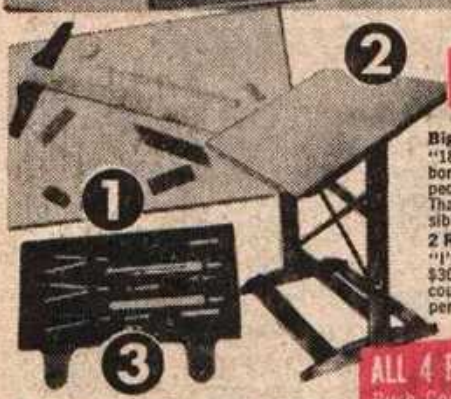

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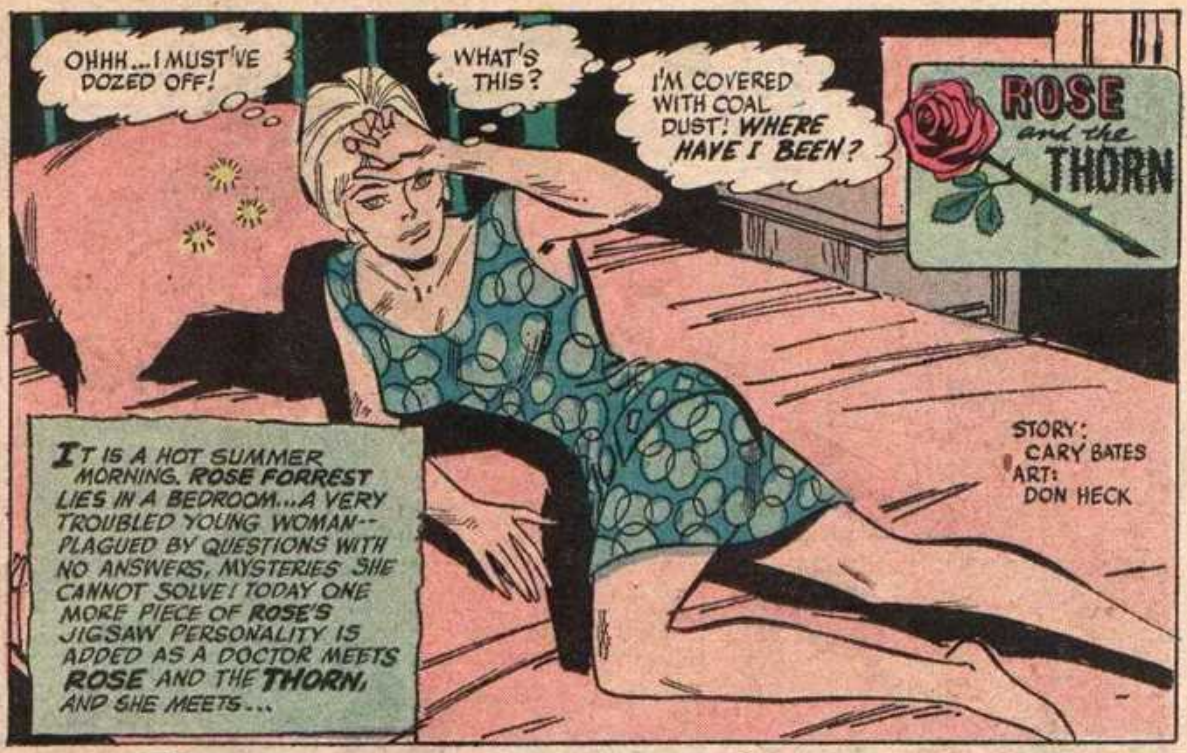
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WHAT'S THIS?
I'M COVERED WITH COAL DUST! WHERE HAVE I BEEN?
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SOON...
...I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, DOCTOR, BUT-I-I HAVE A FEELING MY MIND DOESN'T ALWAYS BELONG TO ME!
QUITE A THEORY, MISS FORREST!
HE'S SO HANDSOME... AND THE WAY HE LOOKS AT ME...
THESE MEMORY LAPSES YOU CLAIM TO HAVE! THEY SEEM...
BUZZZ!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, DOCTOR! THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU LONG-DISTANCE, ON LINE 2!
THANK YOU, NURSE! I'LL TAKE IT IN THE OTHER ROOM!
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE, MISS FORREST! THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT!
I'M GLAD I CAME HERE! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE-I DON'T FEEL TOTALLY ALONE...
DR. ROBERTS SEEMS STRONG AND KIND... AS IF HE WANTS TO HELP ME!
SUDDENLY, THE GENTLE GIRL'S GREEN EYES WIDEN AS SHE SEES..
OH, NO! THAT MAN!
HE DIDN'T STOP FOR THE RED LIGHT -AND HE'S GOING TO-
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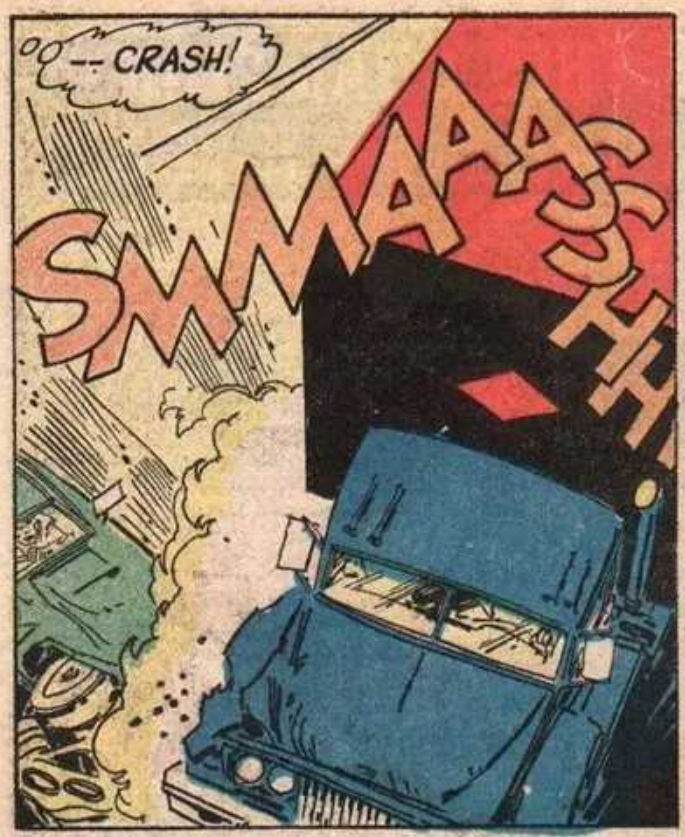
-- CRASH!
SMMAAASSHH!

AMID THE BLARING DRONE OF THE DAMAGED CAR'S JAMMED HORN...
I-I'M SORRY, FELLAS...DIDN'T MEAN TO RUN THE LIGHT!
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!
BZEEEEEEEEEE
YEAH, YEAH... NOW, BUG-OFF!

YOU KIDDING?
I MUST'VE DONE A COUPLE OF HUNDRED DOLLARS' DAMAGE TO YOUR TRUCK!
I INSIST ON PAYING YOU!
BZEEEEEEEEEE

BUT AS THE JAMMED HORN'S WHINE PIERCES THE AIR, A CERTAIN BYSTANDER BEGINS TO REACT...
IT'S HAPPENING TO ME... AGAIN..!
FEEL GROGGY... EVERYTHING HAZY... GOING... INTO... A TRANCE!
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SECRET COMPARTMENT
AND SHE EMERGES AS THE FIERY-HAIRED, SHADOWY SIREN WHOM MEN FEAR AND ADMIRE...
3.

...THE THORN!
SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON AT THAT ACCIDENT SCENE...
NOW, IF I CAN HAVE YOUR NAME, I'LL—
OOFFF!
SPLAT!
WHY ARE THOSE TRUCK DRIVERS SO ANXIOUS TO FORGET ABOUT THE COLLISION AND LEAVE?
DO THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE?
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I'LL PAY YOU GUYS THE MONEY I PROMISED YOU! JUST LET ME SEE MY "CARGO" SAFE AND HEALTHY!
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--DONE!
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HEY-Y!
5.

ZONK!
THE THORN! HOW'D SHE GET ON TO US?
DOESN'T MATTER! SHE DID-SO WE GOTTA KILL HER!
NO, YOU DON'T-
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
WITH EYE-BLURRING SWIFTNESS, THE LASHING LASS HURLS A HISSING SMOKE THORN AT HER ATTACKERS, AND...
COUGH! CAN'T... GET... A CLEAR SHOT--
BLAM!
AND-CHOKE- I'M FEELIN' GROGGY! PASSIN' OUT...
BLAM!
OH, NO! THEIR BULLETS CRACKED OPEN THE AQUARIUM!
WATER IS POURING OUT! HAVE TO STOP IT!
AT ONCE, THORN THROWS A DART WITH UNERRING ACCURACY! HER TARGET--
CLANG!!
CRASH!
FIRE ALARM
YOU'RE A THORN IN MY SIDE...
SO HERE'S WHERE I PLUCK YOU OUT...
LUCKY ME! THE FIRE ALARM IS STILL WORKING!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THAT EIGHT-LEGGED BABY!
BRRRRRNNGG!
6.

BUT BEFORE THE FATAL SHOT CAN BE FIRED...
YIIIIIEEE! HELP!! HELP ME!!
CRUSHED BY A TENTACLE! HE'LL BE DEAD IN SECONDS UNLESS...
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD MAKE THE POOR BEASTIE LET GO!
ZZZZZZ!!
THE ELECTIC SHOCK OF MY THISTLE-STINGERS DID THE TRICK!
...AND A SWIFT KICK WILL TAKE CARE OF THE "BOSS" FOR A WHILE!
GOOD! THAT'S THE FIRE ENGINES ON THEIR WAY! MUSIC IN MY EARS!
TIME FOR THE THORN TO MOVE ON!
MOMENTS LATER...
WHOEVER SET OFF THE ALARM SAVED THIS BIG BABY'S LIFE! WE WERE JUST IN TIME TO REFILL THE TANK!
I HAVE A HUNCH THE POLICE ARE WAITING FOR THOSE FOUR MEN WE FOUND UNCONSCIOUS INSIDE!
AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...
MISS FORREST LEFT HER PURSE BEHIND! MAYBE SHE'LL COME BACK FOR IT, SOONER OR LATER!
THAT GIRL IS DISTURBED! I THINK THERE'S A LOT ABOUT HERSELF NOT EVEN SHE KNOWS! I WONDER WHAT IT IS?
THE END
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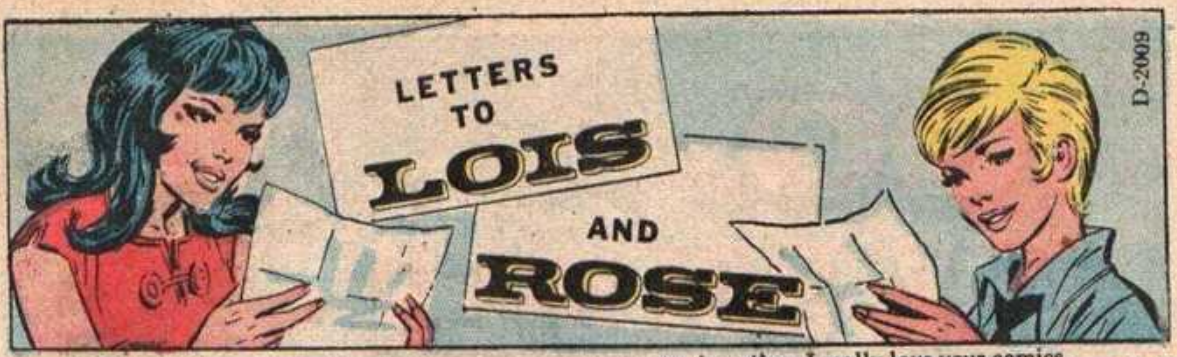

Dear Ms. Woolfolk:

Until the notice of the price-cut in DC's comics, I didn't even know you existed. And now, checking your letter column, I know why. All the letters to the editor are answered by E. Nelson Bridwell. Wouldn't you rather answer them yourself? It might give you a better insight to what fans like and don't like. Which, even if other companies don't seem to think so, is rather important to any successful comic company that wants to stay that way. But, letter column aside, I would like to comment on the latest issue of *Lois Lane*, #123.

First, John Rosenberger? Who is he? Second, congratulations for identifying yourself to the public. If you're an editor for DC, you deserve the recognition. And third, it was a good story. So let's look at *Rose and the Thorn* and see if we can nit-pick that story.

Nope. *R & T* was just great. Just the right amount of plot for such an action-packed story. But maybe I can make an observation that will save you some time later on. Between both identities, *Rose Forrest* must be in physical action at least twenty hours a day. Now, sooner or later, some fan is going to ask the obvious question: "Why hasn't she collapsed from sheer exhaustion?"

Answer: Doctors have proven that a physically fit human body needs only three and a half hours of rest a day. It is the mind that makes us all require eight hours or more of sleep a night. Now, assuming that what I say is fact (it is, but there's always a skeptic), I come to the obvious conclusion that whenever either *Rose* or *Thorn* is in action, the other's memories and conscious mind *must* become submerged into a level of unconsciousness that we could easily identify as sleep. Therefore, whenever one part of *Rose's* identity is working, the other part automatically gains a rest period equivalent to sleep, and therefore, she will never be mentally exhausted, although, if she continues to knock off a dozen or more *100* goons every night, I will refuse to speculate about her physical condition. But she's doing such a good job, I don't suppose DC will be able to allow her sick time off. Well, que sera sera.

Steve Clement, Pawtucket, R.I.

(But Rose does get some time off—between issues. Anyway, thanks for the explanation: we've already received quite a few questions on the subject. To answer your first query, though, Dorothy Woolfolk reads your letters first—then she gives 'em to me to use for the lettercol. Oh, some go to the "Mystery Columnist"—whoever he is (even I don't know). Finally, John Rosenberger is a fine comic artist of many years' standing, best known for his work in romance comics, although he has done some super-hero stuff, too.—E.N.B.)

Addendum: Thank you, Steve, for your letter, which has raised some dandy questions hereabouts. Should I answer queries addressed directly to me, directly? Or thru E.N.B., that fiendish master of the comic medium with the encyclopedic mind? Ms. Woolfolk

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Dear Editor:

I just want to say all your comics are neat, but most of all I like *Lois Lane* and *Supergirl*. I really like *Lois'* new roommates and their friendship with the *Thorn*. The art is just great; take it from me, because I plan on being an artist when I'm old enough. I sure hope to see a lot more of Lois and her roommates in action. I really love your comics.

J. Nichols, Pendicton, B.C.

P.S. How does it feel to get a letter without complaints for once?

(Great! How does it feel to see an editorial reply that doesn't have to wriggle out of a spot or make long explanations for once?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I am a big fan of Japanese science-fiction movies. The thing which makes them so enjoyable is that the "science" used in the stories is mostly nonsense and therefore quite funny.

Lois Lane #123 was quite funny.

Ah, c'mon, let's be reasonable! "Space Raiders"?! You couldn't expect the readers to accept a criminal organization that not only has a space shuttle that NASA hasn't even gotten off the drawing board yet, but which is also able to use it, at a profit, in utter secrecy! This in spite of the fact that there isn't an area on Earth that isn't watched over by one of the world's major powers. There is only one way to describe this scheme: pure fantasy.

And while we're talking about fantasy, let us discuss how *Lois* switched places with the astronaut. Perhaps you aren't aware of it, but astronauts are literally plugged into those space capsules. With all due respect, *Ms. Lane* has the wrong size plug. The uniforms the astronauts wear are tailored to fit them exactly; *Lois* couldn't even get into *Carter's* suit, let alone take his place in the capsule. And the telemetering device would have spotted her as an impostor in a second. My "suspension of disbelief" will only take so much.

Looking at the remaining divisions of the *100*, I cannot find any serious objections. In fact, they look very promising. I hope you have the good sense not to use up this wealth of good material too quickly.

Moving on to *Rose and the Thorn*, the developments are getting interesting. The *Thorn* personality is aggressive and becoming dominant. The *Rose* personality is, at the same time, becoming more easily suppressed. I sense that an ultimate conflict is inevitable and rapidly approaching. Keep up the suspense.

To return to the first story, you didn't fool me with that mysterious leader *shtick*. The mastermind is obviously none other than *K.A.R.L.*, Witness his convenient escape and "metallic voice."

And if you wonder how I should know the identity of the leader of the *100*, who should know better than the man behind the machine?

K.A.R.L. Merris, San Diego, Calif.

(Then you should know that K.A.R.L. *came from the planet* Apokolips *and was sent here for use by* Inter-Gang, *whence it was hi-jacked by the* 100. *Naturally, an alien brain can help the* 100 *go into space. As for your other objections, if you agree to forget half of them—we'll forget the other half!—*E.N.B.)

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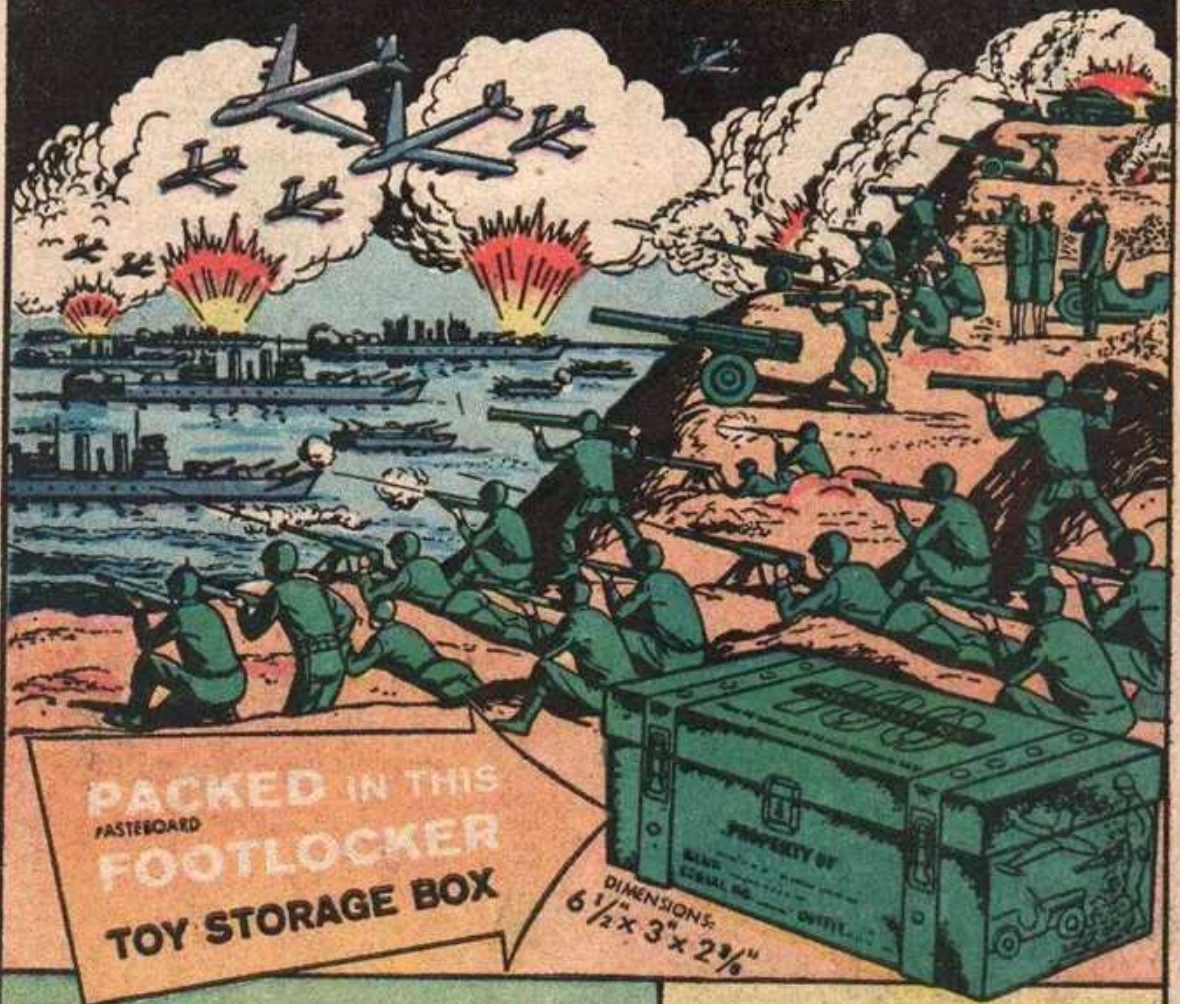

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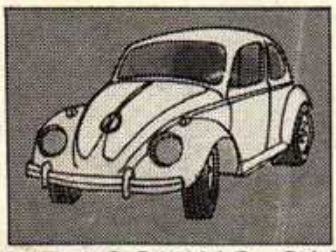

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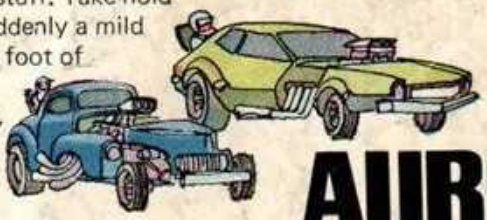

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